IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

ANGELO BENVENUTI ET AL

U.S. Serial No. 10/541,874

Filed: July 11, 2005



Group Art Unit 3724

L. M. Lee, Examiner

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR ELIMINATING TRIMMINGS FROM SERIES OF PRODUCTS, SUCH AS ROLLS OR THE LIKE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment / a response in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

An additional fee is required as calculated below -

	Claims Remaining	Highest No.	Small Entity			Other Than A Small Entity		
	After	Previously	Present		Addnl.		Addnl.	
	Amendment	Paid For	Extra	Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee	
Total		Minus *		x \$ 25 \$		x\$ 50 S	\$	
Indep		Minus *		x \$100 \$		x\$200 S	\$	
First	Presentation of	Mul Dep Claim		x \$180 \$		x\$360 S	\$	
	Total A	Additional Fee	· • • • • • • • • • •	<u>\$</u>	<u> </u>	· · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$	

- * The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number of claims filed originally or highest number found from equivalent box of a prior amendment.
- X This response is being filed within the period for response.
- ____ Applicant(s) hereby petition for an extension from the date of the Examiner's Action as follows:

 First-Month Extension	\$ 60.00	/	\$ 120.00
 Second-Month Extension	\$ 225.00	/	\$ 450.00
 Third-Month Extension	\$ 510.00	/	\$1020.00

____ Small entity status of this application has been established.

A Check in the amount of \$1.00 is attached hereto. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3690 of the undersigned attorney. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 10, 2007

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 10, 2007 applicants elect to prosecute in the present application the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-26 and 44, drawn to a device to eliminate trimmings from a series of products. However, applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected subject matter of Group II, i.e., claims 27-43, drawn to a method to eliminate head and tail trimmings, under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121.

Additionally, applicants elect Species B (Figure 8). Of the elected claims, pending claims 1-13, 15-26 and 44 read on elected Species B.